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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 1: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. EGYPT UNDER ATTACK

EMBASSY CAIRO AGREES WITH THE GOE ASSESSMENT THAT MOST EGYPTIANS CAN BE COUNTED ON TO WELCOME THE NEW PERIOD OF "GUARANTEED" STABILITY BROUGHT ON BY THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. MFA OFFICIALS EXPRESS CONCERN, HOWEVER, OVER THE DEARTH OF ARAB SUPPORT. THEY REPORT:

--THE VIRULENCE OF THE SYRIAN ATTACK RANKLES THE GOE MOST--THERE IS FEAR THAT THE ANTI-SADAT LINE MAY SETTLE INTO A CONCENTRATED CAMPAIGN ALLEGING AN EGYPTIAN-SAUDI AXIS MANIPULATED FROM WASHINGTON.

--ONLY THE SAUDIS ARE STANDING 100 PERCENT WITH EGYPT.

--THE OFFICIAL JORDANIAN DENIAL THAT AMMAN RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE AGREEMENT WITH "SATISFACTION" STARTLED
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THE GOE.

--QADHAFI, SURPRISINGLY, HAS SO FAR SAID NOTHING.

THE EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT SADAT'S GOOD-NEIGHBOR POLICIES VIS-A-VIS ARAB STATES AND HIS RETRENCHMENT OF EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE AND COVERT OPERATIONS MAY HAVE CREATED A SITUATION WHEREIN NO ONE FEARS EGYPTIAN REACTION ANY LONGER.

(SEE ITEM 3 OF THE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY)

2. DENKTASH TALKS TO THE BRITISH: UDI?

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY REPORTED TO AMBASSADOR MACOMBER ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH. DENKTASH SAID:

--HE HAS NO LATITUDE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LINE OF DIVISION IN CYPRUS; ONLY ANKARA CAN DECIDE.

--HE CANNOT GET THE GOT TO TAKE ACTION ON THE ISSUE.

--IF THE TURKS CONTINUE TO FORCE HIM INTO A CORNER, HE WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER DECLARING INDEPENDENCE.

--HE WILL ASK SYG WALDHEIM NOT TO PRESS HIM AT THE NEW YORK TALKS TO NEGOTIATE A DIVISION.

--HE HAD BEEN MISLED INTO AGREEING TO THE NEW YORK DATES, REALIZING TOO LATE THAT THEY COINCIDE WITH US CONGRESSIONAL DELIBERATIONS ON THE EMBARGO.

--IF THE GREEKS RAISE THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HE WILL ALSO CLAIM THE RIGHT TO SPEAK.

BRITISH COMMENT: THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR FEELS THAT DENKTASH, CONVINCED THAT IN THE END THE GOT WOULD BE FORCED TO GO ALONG WITH HIM, SEES UDI AS AT LEAST A FIRM DECISION THAT IS PREFERABLE TO THE PRESENT UNCERTAINTIES. IF ALL GOES BADLY FOR HIM IN NEW YORK, HE MIGHT BE TEMPTED

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TO MOVE QUICKLY TOWARD IT.

3. PORTUGAL

A. AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE: NOT YET

CONSULATE PONTA DELGADA REPORTS THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS INDICATE THAT WHILE MOST

AZOREAN LEADERS REGARD INDEPENDENCE AS AN INEVITABILITY,
THERE IS SOME DISCOURAGEMENT:

--THE REMOVAL OF COMMUNISTS AND UNPOPULAR GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS FROM THE SCENE HAS DEPRIVED THE AZOREANS OF
A READILY IDENTIFIABLE ENEMY.

--POPULAR AND POLITICALLY SKILLFUL GENERAL MAGALHAES
IS DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE PUBLICLY.

ONE ASSEMBLY DELEGATE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE JUNTA
REGIONAL WILL BE OFTEN ENOUGH IN CONFLICT WITH THE GOP,
ESPECIALLY OVER THE ISSUE OF FUNDS TRANSFERS FROM THE
MAINLAND, TO KEEP THE NEED FOR INDEPENDENCE BEFORE THE
PEOPLE.

CONSULATE COMMENT: WITH THE LEADERSHIP PROBLEM IN SAN
MIGUEL UNRESOLVED IT IS APPARENT THAT NO INDEPENDENCE
MOVE IS LIKELY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

B. SOARES OUTLINES GOVERNMENT UNITY PLAN FOR PORTUGAL

SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES ON SEPTEMBER 3 CALLED FOR
A GOVERNMENT OF "NATIONAL SALVATION" TO BE FORMED BY
THE SOCIALISTS (PS), COMMUNISTS (PC), AND THE POPULAR
DEMOCRATS (PPD) TO SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM THE "TOTALI-
TARIAN SOCIALISM" WHICH THE PC HAS ATTEMPTED TO IMPOSE
THROUGH GONCALVES. THE PS POLICY STATEMENT:

--BLAMES THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS ON DEVIATIONS
FROM THE AFM PLATFORM OF DEMOCRATIC, PLURALISTIC
SOCIALISM.

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--PRPPOSES A ROLE FOR THE PC IN A NEW GOVERNMENT ONLY IF
IT RENOUNCES EFFORTS TO OBTAIN POWER BY FORCE.

--SPELLS OUT MEASURES TO ASSURE POLITICAL PLURALISM
IN THE MEDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT; REAFFIRM AUTHORITY OF
THE CONSTITUTUENT ASSEMBLY; ASSURE FREE ELECTIONS;
DEMOCRATIZE THE TRADE UNIONS; AND ELIMINATE CIVILIAN
MILITIA.

(SEE ITEM 1 OF THE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY)

4. SUDAN COUP: WHAT HAPPENED?

EMBASSY KHARTOUM OFFERS TENTATIVE ANALYSES OF YESTERDAY'S
FAILED COUP:

--THE COUP LEADERS' SYMPATHIES, AS EXPRESSED IN HASSAN HUSSEIN OSMAN'S INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, SEEM TO LIE WITH THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD OR AT LEAST WITH RIGHTEST RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS.

--THE MOST INSTRUCTIVE FACTOR IN THE DAY'S EVENTS WAS THE IMMEDIATE AND APPARENTLY UNANIMOUS SUPPORT GIVEN NIMEIRI BY STREET CROWDS, THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP, AND GOVERNMENT ADVISORS.

--THE QUICK SUCCESSION OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS WHO SPOKE ON RADIO IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AUGURS A STRENGTHENED REGIME UNDER NIMEIRI LEADERSHIP.

THE EMBASSY ALSO NOTES THAT OSMAN HAS APPARENTLY BEEN KILLED. IN A PRERECORDED ADDRESS NIMEIRI VOWED THAT THE PERPETRATORS WOULD BE PUNISHED ACCORDING TO SUDANESE LAW.

EMBASSY CAIRO REPORTS THE STATEMENT OF EGYPTIAN MFA CHEF DE CABINET AL-BAZ THAT THE GOE IS PLEASED THAT THE COUP CAME TO NOTHING--AL-BAZ DECLARED, "WE ARE IN ENOUGH TROUBLE IN THE ARAB WORLD WITHOUT ANOTHER SERIOUS PROBLEM ERUPTING ON OUR DOORSTEP."

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5. VICTORIA FALLS TALKS--TWO STEPS FORWARD, HOW MANY BACK?

FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN'S SPECIAL ADVISOR ON AFRICA TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THAT THE ANC'S INABILITY TO BRING DETAILED PROPOSALS TO VICTORIA FALLS MADE THEIR EFFORTS A FARCE. HE INDICATED:

--BISHOP MUZOREWA BOMBED IN HIS INITIAL ROLE AS CHIEF NEGOTIATOR AND NOW SEEMS CONTENT TO REMAIN IN EUROPE WHILE THE ANC PLANS A MORE DETAILED STRATEGY.

--IAN SMITH CONTINUES HIS DESPERATE GAMBLE THAT THE WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT PERMIT THEIR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO FORCE A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

--BUT, VORSTER AND KAUNDA DRAMATICALLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

IT IS UNLIKELY THAT CALLAGHAN WILL SEEK TO INVOLVE THE US NOW, BUT AT SOME LATER DATE HE MAY URGE THE US TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT AND TAKE A PUBLIC POSITION ON

THE RHODESIAN QUESTION.

6. SOVIETS ON ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT DURING A VISIT BY THE FRENCH POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO THE MFA, MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIALS STATED:

--ACS WILL BE A SLOW, LONG-TERM PROJECT.

--THE PURPOSE OF THE RECENT SURGE OF SOVIET ATTENTION TO ACS WAS TO TEST ASIAN RECEPTIVENESS.

--THE SOVIETS PREFER TO HAVE THE INITIATIVE COME FROM THE ASIANS THEMSELVES.

--THE MIDDLE EAST FALLS WITHIN THE ACS AMBIT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE FACT THAT THESE STATEMENTS ARE SECRET

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BEING MADE BY MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICIALS TENDS TO CONFIRM THAT THE ACS PROMOTION EFFORT IS BROAD IN GUAGE AND HIGH LEVEL IN ORIGIN.

7. EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON UN-RELATED MATTERS

ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN MFA, THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS ASSUMED THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS DURING THEIR MEETING IN ROME:

--ON THE KOREAN RESOLUTIONS THE NINE HAVE AGREED TO "HELP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE" (THE FRENCH INDICATED THEIR HELP MAY TAKE THE FORM OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION).

--ON SOUTH AFRICA THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR'S POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THE CHARTER.

THE DIRECTORS AGREED TO CONSIDER NAMIBIA FURTHER AFTER THE RESULTS ARE KNOWN OF IMPENDING US, UK, AND FRG INITIATIVES. THE PROBLEM OF PERSUADING CHILE TO ACCEPT A UN VISIT WAS PASSED TO THE NEW YORK EC GROUP FOR COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.

8. ITALY: AGNELLI ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION

IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR VOLPE, GIANNI AGNELLI, PRESIDENT OF CONFINDUSTRIA AND FIAT, MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE:

--IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE US MAINTAIN ITS POSITION
OF OPPOSITION TO THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS.

--THE NEXT 20 MONTHS WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR ITALY'S
POLITICAL FUTURE.

--THE NEXT ELECTIONS WILL BE "AS IMPORTANT AS THOSE
OF 1948."

--A "NEW BREEZE" IS BLOWING THROUGH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
HEADQUARTERS--THE PARTY WILL SOON PRODUCE SOMETHING NEW
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